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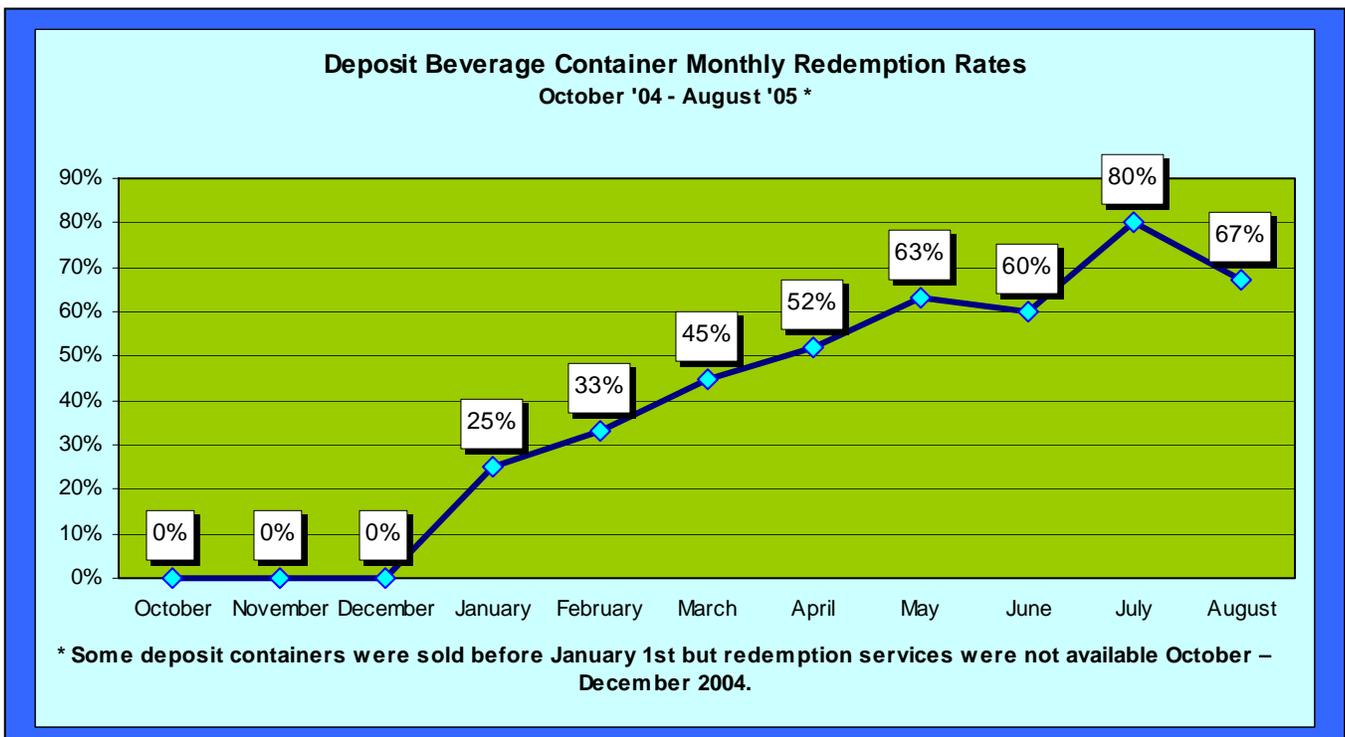
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**BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING INCREASING**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) today announced that the Deposit Beverage Container Program helped recycle over 150 million beverage containers during the months of July and August (a redemption rate of 73%).

The redemption rates for selected periods are:

<b>FY 2004-05 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005):</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>FY 2005-06 to date (July 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005):</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Program to date (July 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005):</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Beginning January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005:</b>	<b>54%</b>



Since deposits began to be charged in October 2004, through August 2005, 652,413,317 deposit beverage containers were sold and 310,773,230 containers have been redeemed for recycling. Redemptions started in January 2005.

“We are pleased to see an increase in beverage container recycling. While the month-to-month numbers vary and should be treated cautiously, the overall trend is encouraging,” said Laurence K. Lau, Deputy Director of Environmental Health. “We appreciate all the efforts of those who recycle, and the Administration will continue to seek ways to improve the deposit program.”

For better accuracy, the department has updated its records and allocated redemptions to the months in which they occurred, instead of the month in which recyclers made claims for handling fees. The redemption rates now include only deposit containers. The department still compares the numbers of redemptions and sales within a month, even though some containers are redeemed after their month of sale. The department cautions that redemption numbers for recent months may be incomplete because of delays in reporting by redemption centers.

Since the collection of fees first started in October 2002 through the end of August 2005, the deposit beverage container special fund has had revenue of more than \$44 million, expenses of more than \$18 million, encumbrances of over \$6 million, and a reserve of \$6 million for programs authorized by the legislature this year, leaving an available balance of \$14,789,000. About 67 percent of the program’s expenses pay deposit and handling fees made to recyclers.

Attached are more detailed numbers.

For more information on the State’s Deposit Beverage Container Program visit [www.hawaii.gov/health](http://www.hawaii.gov/health) or [www.hi5deposit.com](http://www.hi5deposit.com).

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Attachment I

**October 02 - December 04**

		millions
Revenue	\$	7.6870
Expenses	\$	0.0860
Encumbrances	\$	1.2650
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6.3360</b>

**1/1/05 - 8/30/05**

Revenue	\$	36.5010
Expenses	\$	17.0160
Encumbrances	\$	5.0320
Reserve for Act 228/2005	\$	6.0000
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8.4530</b>
<b>Unobligated Funds as of 9/1/05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14.7890</b>

Fiscal Year 2004- 2005		Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
		<b>Jul-05</b>	
Total Sold		74,817,973	
Total Redeemed		59,790,394	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>		<b>80%</b>	
		<b>Aug-05</b>	
Total Sold		75,700,615	
Total Redeemed		50,439,957	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>		<b>67%</b>	
		<b>Sep-05</b>	
Total Sold		-	
Total Redeemed		-	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>			
<b>Oct-04</b>		<b>Oct-05</b>	
Total Sold	343,816	-	
Total Redeemed	-	-	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>Nov-05</b>		<b>Nov-05</b>	
Total Sold	11,760,770	-	
Total Redeemed	-	-	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>Dec-05</b>		<b>Dec-05</b>	
Total Sold	64,555,995	-	
Total Redeemed	-	-	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>Jan-05</b>		<b>Jan-06</b>	
Total Sold		-	

	62,155,375		
Total Redeemed	15,270,800		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>25%</b>		
	<b>Feb-05</b>		<b>Feb-06</b>
Total Sold	65,864,163		-
Total Redeemed	21,425,907		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>33%</b>		
	<b>Mar-05</b>		<b>Mar-06</b>
Total Sold	74,628,606		-
Total Redeemed	33,451,111		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>45%</b>		
	<b>Apr-05</b>		<b>Apr-06</b>
Total Sold	67,161,174		-
Total Redeemed	34,766,465		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>52%</b>		
	<b>May-05</b>		<b>May-06</b>
Total Sold	75,188,088		-
Total Redeemed	47,305,117		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>63%</b>		
	<b>Jun-05</b>		<b>Jul-06</b>
Total Sold	80,236,742		-
Total Redeemed	48,323,479		-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>60%</b>		
<b>FY 04-05 TOTALS</b> excluding Oct-Dec04	<b>FY 04-05</b> <b>TOTALS</b>		<b>FY 05-06</b> <b>TOTALS</b>
425,234,148	501,894,729		150,518,588
200,542,879	200,542,879		110,230,351
<b>47%</b>	<b>40%</b>		<b>73%</b>

Program Totals	
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652,413,317	575,752,736
310,773,230	310,773,230
<b>48%</b>	<b>54%</b>

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Attachment II

	Sep-04	Oct-04	
Total Sold	-	343,816	343,816
Total Redeemed	-	-	
<b>Redemption Rate</b>		<b>0%</b>	

	Nov-04	Dec-04	
Total Sold	11,760,770	64,555,995	76,316,765
Total Redeemed	-	-	-
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

	Jan-05	Feb-05	
Total Sold	62,155,375	65,864,163	128,019,538
Total Redeemed	15,270,800	21,425,907	36,696,707
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>29%</b>

	Mar-05	Apr-05	
Total Sold	74,628,606	67,161,174	141,789,780
Total Redeemed	33,451,111	34,766,465	68,217,576
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>

	May-05	Jun-05	
Total Sold	75,188,088	80,236,742	155,424,830
Total Redeemed	47,305,117	48,323,479	95,628,596
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>62%</b>

	Jul-05	Aug-05	
Total Sold	74,817,973	75,700,615	150,518,588
Total Redeemed	59,790,394	50,439,957	110,230,351
<b>Redemption Rate</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>73%</b>

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Revenue	\$	36.5010
Expenses	\$	17.0160
Encumbrances	\$	5.0320
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14.4530</b>

<b>Unobligated Funds as of 9/1/05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20.7890</b>
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Reserve for Act 228/2005	\$	6.0000
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<b>Available funds as of 9/1/05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14.7890</b>
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